

“By Then You Should Know...”

*Attaining Spiritual Maturity - Lesson #5
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Scripture: Romans 12.3-8

“Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.”¹

Discussion Questions:

1. What happens if you do not use your gift?
2. What happens when you use your gift?

Why is Work is Important?

- Work brings progress/growth. (Acts 2:42-47)
- Work brings profit. - “In all labor there is profit, but idle chatter leads only to poverty.” (Proverbs 14:23)
- Work achieves goals. (Acts 5:42)
- Work brings unity. (Acts 4:32-35)
- Work is required. (2 Thessalonians 3:7-14; Matthew 28:19-20)

What would you add to the list?

¹ *The Holy Bible: English standard version*. 2001 (Ro 12:6–8). Wheaton: Standard Bible Society.

Three Reasons Your Work is Important:

1. Your work is important because of **your part in the body**.
 - a. (1 Corinthians 12:12-27)
 - b. Each member is a part of the body. (1 Corinthians 12:27)
 - c. Members of the body suffer together. (1 Corinthians 12:26)
 - d. Members of the body rejoice together. (1 Corinthians 12:26)

2. Your work is important because your work is **unique**.
 - a. (Romans 12:3-8)
 - b. All members do not have the same function. (Romans 12:4-8)
 - c. Each work is great because of the unity. (Romans 12:4,5; 1 Corinthians 12:12)

3. Your work is important because **others need you**.
 - a. The lost (John 4:34-38)
 - b. Weak members (Romans 15:1; Galatians 6:1)

Additional Notes:

Holy Ground

*It may be on a kitchen floor,
Or in a busy shopping store,
Or teaching, nursing, day by day
Till limb and brain almost give way;
Yet if, just there, by Jesus thou art found,
The place thou standest on is Holy Ground.—M. Colley*